

COMMITTEE BUSINESS OF INTEREST

(February 21, 2022)

1. Finance (FINA)

- a. Study title: Invocation of the Emergency Act and related measures
- b. Adopted: Feb 17, 2022

Notes:

- Hearings begin no later than February 22 and continue until March 18, and that each of these meetings be three hours in length
- Invite the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance
- Invite officials from GoFundMe.com, GiveSendGo.com, and the cryptocurrency sector

Motion:

That, the committee undertake an emergency study on the invocation of the Emergency Measures Act and related measures taken regarding the 2022 Freedom Convoy, and that:

a) The study examine:

- i. The broadened scope of Canada's anti-terrorist financing laws; ii. The federal government's increased ability to interfere with the business of crowdfunding websites; including but not limited to new Financial Transactions and Reports Analysis Centre of Canada (FINTRAC) regulations with which crowdfunding websites must comply; iii. The ability of Canadian financial institutions to temporarily and selectively cease providing financial services to specific clients; iv.
- v. broadly the increased powers given to Canadian financial institutions to share personal information on anyone suspected of involvement with the 2022 Freedom Convoy; vi. The long-term impacts of these measures on individual Canadians' financial futures; vii. Any other issue or topic related to the extension of powers or their effect on the Canadian financial system by the invocation of the Emergency Measures Act on February 14, 2022;
- vi. The long-term impacts of these measures on individual Canadians' financial futures;
- vii. The financing of the illegal blockades
- vii. Any other issue or topic related to the extension of powers or their effect on the Canadian financial system by the invocation of the Emergency Measures Act on February 14, 2022;

b) Hearings begin no later than February 22 and continue until March 18, and that each of these meetings be three hours in length;

That the committee invite the following witnesses:

- i. The Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance for 2 hours, with a 10-minute opening statement;
 - ii. Relevant officials from the Canada Revenue Agency, the Canadian Security Intelligence Service, the Department of Justice of Canada, and the Department of Finance;
 - iii. Barry MacKillop, Deputy Director of Intelligence, FINTRAC;
 - iv. Angelina Mason, interim CEO and General Counsel and Lucie Blanchet, Chair of Executive Council from the Canadian Bankers Association;
 - v. Paul Tkachuck, VP of Finance and Data Insights, and any other relevant officials from GoFundMe.com;
 - vi. Brendan Wycks and Keith Martin, Co-Executive Directors of the Canadian Association of Financial Institutions in Insurance;
 - vii. Relevant finance officials from GiveSendGo.com;
 - viii. Relevant officials from the Canadian cryptocurrency sector;
 - ix. And any witnesses invited by committee members, and that these names be submitted to the clerk of the committee by 5:00 p.m., Friday, February 25, 2022;
- d) The study include at least 5 meetings; and,
- e) The committee table a report to the House of Commons no later than March 24, 2022.

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2. Public Safety and National Security (SECU)

- Study title: Occupation of Ottawa and the Federal Government's Response to Convoy Blockades
- Adopted: Feb 15, 2022
- Note: First meeting with Public Safety Minister on February 22, 2022

Motion:

That the committee invite the Minister of Public Safety and department officials from both the Royal Canadian Mounted Police and Canada Border Services Agency, the Ontario Provincial Police and the Ottawa Police Service to appear as soon as possible before the committee to answer questions regarding the occupation of Ottawa and the federal government's response to convoy blockades disrupting our borders, notably in Windsor, Ontario; Emerson, Manitoba; and Coutts, Alberta.

3. Public Safety and National Security (SECU)

- Study title: Crowdfunding Platforms and Extremism Financing
- Adopted: Feb 3, 2022
- Note: Members to submit list of witnesses by February 25

Motion:

That the committee invite representatives from GoFundMe and the Financial Transactions and Report Analysis Centre of Canada to appear as soon as possible to answer questions regarding security measures the company has in place to ensure the funds are not being used to promote extremism, white supremacy, antisemitism and other forms of hate, which have been expressed among prominent organizers for the truck convoy currently in Ottawa, including:

- a) how the company prevents the use of anonymity to funnel money to extremist groups;
- b) what measures are in place to prevent foreign funds from being used to support these views, and to the subgroups that have expressed an intent to put in place their own undemocratic government; and
- c) what measures and assurances are in place to ensure the \$1 million dollars that has already been released is not going towards promoting any of forms of the aforementioned unacceptable views and activities.

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